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Memorandum of Support

Date: March 29, 2012
To: Honorable Members of the Michigan State Legislature
From: Matt Dogali
RE: Senate Bill 984 (Casperperson)

On behalf of the National Rifle Association, I would like to communicate our support for Senate Bill 984, currently pending in the Senate Outdoor Recreation and Tourism committee. This bill would provide for the out-of-state purchase of long guns by residents of Michigan and for the purchase of long guns in Michigan by nonresidents.

Under the federal Gun Control Act of 1968 citizens were allowed to buy a long gun from a licensed dealer only in a state contiguous to their own and only if both states allowed for the transaction. Then, in 1986 the federal Firearms Owners Protection Act allowed for residents of any state to purchase a long gun from a dealer in any other state as long as both states allowed the purchase. Michigan never updated its statute and still has not to this day. SB 984 will update the statute as other states like Washington, Utah, and Idaho have recently done. This bill affects rifles and shotguns only; handguns can only be purchased from a dealer in one's state of residence.

An additional benefit of SB 984 is out-of-state visitors would be able to purchase long guns while in Michigan, which would increase sales tax revenue generated by the current surge in firearms purchases nationwide.

It is for these reasons that we support Senate Bill 984. I ask that you give Senate Bill 984 your support. As always, I'm available at (703) 267-1216 should you wish to discuss the NRA's position on this proposal.

Sincerely,

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